



Dear Jefferson Staff, Students, and Community Members,

After careful consideration of expert testimony and all documents (letters and spoken comments) both supporting and opposing the [KGBB - Firearms Prohibited policy](#), the majority of Jefferson School District Board Members voted to repeal the KGBB policy with these facts, as we understand them:

- Listening to Sheriff Hunter's comments / opinions
 - Mentioned that off-duty officers would NOT be exempt from this policy and most, if not all, off-duty officers that he knows would still carry.
- Staff comments mentioned via in-person and written to Board Members
 - Majority of the staff comments (written and spoken) were opposed to repealing the KGBB policy.
- Community comments mentioned via in-person and written to Board Members
 - Majority of public comments (written and spoken) were supportive of repealing the KGBB policy.
- The lack of quantifiable data is challenging to come across for either side of this matter
 - Highly emotional on both sides.
- There were comments made that the board is supporting violence in schools. The Board feels that is not accurate and quite the opposite. School safety is our primary concern.
- The Board would like to start looking into other ways to protect schools from violence of any kind
 - Sides opposing and supporting repealing KGBB made comments that the policy won't stop someone from coming into school to incite violence.
 - MCSO suggested that schools could look at other means of protecting students and staff.
 - **The Board has committed to adding the topic of "School Safety" to the Board agenda on a quarterly basis.**
- There were also comments that the board promotes the intent to arm teachers; however, that is not part of the policy there is no intention.

The board appreciates all the comments that the community, staff and students have stated throughout this entire process. Just to reiterate, school safety for staff and students is our number one priority.

Thank you,

Jefferson School District School Board:
Tracy Roe, Chair
Fred Sondermayer, Vice-Chair
Terry Kamlade, Director
Carole Vickery, Director
Teri Mitchell, Director